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**NEW PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED FOR APPROVAL OF  
OVERSIZE VEHICLE PERMITS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ADDRESSES CONCERNS WHILE PROTECTING MOTORIST SAFETY**

Department of Transportation Commissioner Carol Murray has approved the implementation of a new procedure to more quickly review proposed movement of manufactured housing and modular housing units while continuing to protect the safety of motorists on state highways throughout New Hampshire.

This approach was developed as a result of an administrative hearing at which testimony was offered on why the existing state regulations on height and length were making it difficult to meet the needs of consumers in New Hampshire and Maine.

Under the new procedure, a unit taller than the legal limit of 13 feet 6 inches but not greater than 14 feet 3 inches that otherwise meets size requirements can be issued a permit immediately to move the unit across New Hampshire to Maine on a route utilizing Interstate 89 to I-93 to NH Route 101 to I-95. Other state highways within New Hampshire can be studied to make sure there are no obstacles for vehicles with this height. Once a check is made, permits can be issued.

The industry has indicated that this change alone could solve up to 80% of the difficulties recently encountered in attempting to move the housing units through the state.

"This change is a good compromise that meets the needs of consumers of housing, while still protecting the safety of motorists," Commissioner Murray says.

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